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Honorable Michael Knapp
Montgomery County Council
100 Maryland Avenue
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Dear President Knapp:

For all of the reasons provided by County Executive Ike Leggett and IAFF Local 1664, Fraternal Order of Police, Montgomery County Lodge 35, fully supports Bill 25-08, Emergency Medical Services Transport Fee.

Furthermore, the taxpayers of Montgomery County who have coverage under Medicare or other health care insurance have already paid for this in their premium. The medical services transport fee is a reimbursement for a County provided service which the insurance companies have already budgeted. It is only fair that this reimbursement be obtained from a fund established for such costs rather than going to the taxpayers of Montgomery County.

Any concern about the uninsured is satisfactorily addressed in the legislation. No one will be forced to pay out of pocket.

Sincerely,

Marc B. Zifcak

President